

FOUNDATION GRANTS



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Application Examples



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Application Deadline: February 1, 2007

Date:

2007 COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND APPLICATION: ONE-YEAR REQUEST

Organization/Agency Information

Organization/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Agency Web Site: _____

Organization/Agency Director/CEO: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____ E-mail: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____ E-mail: _____

Program/Grant Information

Program/Project Name: _____

Amount of Grant Requested: _____ Total Organization Budget: _____

Percentage of Organization's Total Budget used for Administration: _____

Purpose of Grant Request (one sentence): _____

Signatures

Name of Board President/Chair: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Organization/Agency Director/CEO: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please provide the following information (items I. to III.) by answering all the questions in no more than THREE (3) typed pages. Please be thorough, clear, specific, and concise.

I. Organization/Agency Background:

- A. What is the history, mission and purpose of your organization? How long has the organization been providing programs and services to the community?
- B. What are some of your past organizational accomplishments (last three years)?
- C. What are some of your current programs and activities? (Include populations and geographic locations served.)

II. Project Information:

- A. Statement of Need
 - 1. Specify the community need you are seeking funds for.
- B. Project Goal, Objectives and Methodology
 - 1. State your project goal. Describe your project. How does your project meet the community need? What is unique and innovative about this project?
 - 2. State up to three objectives. Objectives should be specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, and time-specific. What are the specific activities you will undertake to meet your goal? How will you use the grant funds?
 - 3. What is your timeline for implementing the project?
 - 4. How does this project relate to other existing projects in the community? Who else in the community is providing this service or has a similar project?
- C. Project Outcomes and Evaluation
 - 1. What are the key anticipated outcomes of the project and impact on participants?
 - 2. How will you know if you have achieved the expected outcomes?
 - 3. How will progress towards the objectives be tracked and outcomes measured?

III.

Project Future

- A. Explain how you will support this project after the grant performance period.

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Project Budget

A. Please provide a detailed line-item budget for your project by completing the table below. Provide a list of other sources of funding for the proposed project (secured and anticipated).

Line Item Description	Line Item Explanation (Formula/equation used as applicable. Example: 4 Wheelchairs @ \$400 each = \$1600)	Support From Your Agency	Support From Other Funders	Requested Amount From TCF	Line Item Total of Project
TOTALS:					

V. Ancillary Documents

- A. Please submit with your completed application:
1. A list of Board Members with their affiliations.
 2. A copy of your most recent year-end financial statements, audited if available.
 3. A copy of your current 501(c)(3) letter from the IRS.
 4. If purchasing equipment, three competitive bids or price quotes.

Available FOUNDATION GRANTS



ART



New Connections Fund (Part A): Arts

Agency: The James Irvine Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support nonprofit organizations accomplishing high-quality work in the areas of interest to the James Irvine Foundation. Although the majority of the Foundation's grant-making is done by invitation to larger, more established organizations, this program is intended to reach smaller organizations through an open, competitive application process. The primary goal of the New Connections Fund is to increase the number of new organizations in the Foundation's grants portfolio by supporting organizations that have not been identified by program staff or for which larger grants would be inappropriate. This program component contains two sub-categories: Artistic Creativity and Connection Through Cultural Participation. The intent of this component is to fund one- or two-year projects that: encourage the creation of new art work; support the work of individual artists in collaboration with local arts organizations; support art forms and ideas that connect with a broad cross-section of Californians; target specific audiences that are representative of the state's diverse population; acknowledge the diverse cultural expressions represented in California; and/or identify new or innovative strategies that broaden, diversify, or deepen the audience's participation.

Eligibility: Priority will be given to applicants who have never received funding from the Foundation and to projects serving the Central Valley, the Inland Empire, and Los Angeles County. Eligible applicants are California-oriented 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that have annual revenues of at least \$100,000 and derive no more than 50 percent of revenues from government sources.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (800) 374-6851, grantsadmin@irvine.org, The James Irvine Foundation, 575 Market Street, Suite 3400, San Francisco, CA 94105

Norris Foundation

Agency: The Norris Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support the advancement of community well being through a variety of projects that increase health awareness and foster intellectual achievement. Funded projects should make influential and lasting contributions to their respective communities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be a nonprofit organization located in the Southern California area.

Info: Ronald R. Barnes, Executive Director, (562) 435-8444, The Kenneth T. & Eileen L. Norris Foundation. 11 Golden Shore, Suite 450, Long Beach, CA 90802, grants@ktn.org

Create Your Own Legacy Grant Program

Agency: Ameriquest Mortgage Company

Objective: The purpose of this program is to provide opportunities for youth to take ownership of their communities by taking part in improving their after-school programs,

as well as planning and implementing neighborhood improvement projects. Through these activities, this program encourages youth to develop an appreciation for community service and teamwork. This program awards projects that will consist of two parts: After-school programs, in which funds may be used to improve programs through the purchase of items such as new computers, art materials, science equipment, sound systems, and related items, or constructing reading rooms, art centers, or other resources; and Neighborhood improvements, where funds may be used for adding neighborhood gardens, improving facilities such as senior centers, removing graffiti, painting murals, and related activities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include organizations that conduct after-school programs with current 501(c)(3) status. Schools, for-profit organizations, churches, or other religious organizations must ensure that projects conducted with program funds will be offered to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis and without regard to religious affiliation.

Contact Info: Amy Cobb, (817) 505-4982, acobb@ameriquet.com, Create Your Legacy, Ameriquet Mortgage Company, 1100 Town & Country Road, Suite 400, Orange, CA 92868.

General Mills Community Action

Agency: General Mills Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to create sustainable community improvement in the areas of social services, education, arts and culture, and youth nutrition and fitness. General Mills Community Action is dedicated to championing strong communities and addressing societal needs with innovative ideas, strong people, and financial resources. This program's strategic objectives include: demonstrably improving the quality of life in communities with General Mills facilities and employees; initiating innovative solutions and approaches to improve youth nutrition and fitness; and supporting General Mills employees and retirees giving to United Way, education, and arts and culture organizations through a gift-matching program. This program focuses mainly on four priority areas in order to create sustainable community improvement: Social Service—supporting projects that strengthen families and promote a safe, nurturing environment for children and youth; Youth Nutrition and Fitness—supporting innovative projects that help improve youth nutrition and fitness behaviors; Education—supporting efforts that emphasize student academic achievement, particularly at the K-12 level; and Arts and Culture—supporting organizations that are leaders in their field as evidenced by their innovation, program quality and contribution to their community.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (763) 764-2211, General Mills Foundation, P.O. Box 1113, Minneapolis, MN 55440

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Archstone Foundation (Part D): Responsive Grantmaking

Agency: Archstone Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to prepare society for an aging population. All initiatives supported by the Foundation are intended to build upon aging trends, research, and program innovation to transform society through strategic initiatives and responsive grantmaking.

Eligibility: In general, eligibility for the Foundation's programs is limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, individuals, and governments. High priority is given to projects serving the Southern California region, although projects from other areas may be accepted if they serve the state as a whole, have potential for replication in California, have a regional or national impact, or have potential to improve practice in the field.

Contact Info: E. Thomas Brewer, Director of Programs, Archstone Foundation, 401 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 1000, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 590-8655, archstone@archstone.org

Innovations in American Government Awards

Agency: Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to recognize and promote excellence and creativity in the public sector by highlighting exemplary models of government's innovative performance and serving as a catalysts for continued progress in addressing the nation's most pressing public concerns. Projects should be novel, effective, significant, and transferable. Applications are accepted in all policy areas.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are units of government within the United States, including Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (617) 495-0557, innovations@harvard.edu, Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 79 John F. Kennedy St., Cambridge, MA 02138

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Agency: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support the communities served by Lowe's stores through funding provided to public education, community improvement projects, and home safety initiatives. The Foundation supports projects that align with the following focus areas: Community improvement, which includes park and neighborhood beautification and enhancements; building repair/renovation and landscaping enhancements of facilities serving the community; outdoor learning environments, such as educational gardening projects; community garden, park, or playground projects; and community clean-up initiatives; K-12 public school initiative, which includes: construction and Trades related education initiatives; clean-up, landscaping, and painting projects; playground enhancements; and minor repair/renovation of public school buildings; and vocational trade scholarships, which awards scholarships to individuals

enrolled in a two-year certificate or diploma program at selected community and vocational colleges, majoring in a business and technical/trade related discipline, such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, horticulture, and interior design. Scholarship funds may be used for covering tuition and costs associated with purchasing books and materials only.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (704) 758-1000 Lowe's Companies, Inc., 1000 Lowe's Boulevard, Mooresville, NC 28117

The Annenberg Foundation

Agency: The Annenberg Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to advance public well-being through improved communication. The Annenberg Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge and seeks to produce beneficial change on a large scale. Projects will be funded in the following interest areas: Education and Youth; Arts and Culture; Civic and Community; and Health.

Eligibility: Only public charity organizations with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status are eligible.

Contact Info: Gillian Norris-Szanto, Senior Program Officer, The Annenberg Foundation, Radnor Financial Center, Suite A-200, 150 North Radnor-Chester Road, Radnor, PA 19087 (610) 341-9066, info@annenbergfoundation.org

EDUCATION



The RGK Foundation

Agency: The RGK Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support a broad range of projects with an education, community or medicine/health focus. This Foundation strives to be a catalyst for progressive change in humanitarian concerns by advancing knowledge, improving society, and realizing human potential.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are also eligible to apply.

Contact Info: Suzanne Haffey, Grants Associate, (512) 474-9298 x 242, shaffey@RGKFoundation.org, RGK Foundation, 1301 West 25th Street, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78705-4236

Wells Fargo Foundation

Agency: Wells Fargo Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support organizations and projects that serve their communities and address vital community needs and issues. Education projects that benefit students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades may be given in the key areas of math and science, literacy, and the history of the American West. Grants are also accepted for staff development of teachers and administrators serving low- or moderate-income students and projects that encourage school partnerships with parents or guardians, the business community, or the local community. Grants to educational institutions or nonprofit organizations that serve such institutions will also be considered.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, 501(c)(6) organizations (business leagues, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, etc.), governmental entities, and tribal entities.

Contact Info: Jonathan Weedman, Regional Vice President, Wells Fargo Foundation, 333 South Grand Avenue, MAC E2064-200, Los Angeles, CA 90071, (213) 253-7118, weedmanj@wellsfargo.com

The Janus Foundation

Agency: The Janus Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to sponsor innovative programs that are spearheaded by nonprofit organizations that focus on at-risk youth through education.

Eligibility: Only nonprofit organizations are eligible for this program

Contact Info: Tracy, (303) 333-3863, janusfoundation@janus.com, The Janus Foundation, 151 Detroit Street, Denver, CO 80206

Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB Foundation

Agency: Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to improve the communities in which Wal-Mart associates and customers live. Although the Foundation supports various organizations and national causes, the Foundation is primarily interested in projects that will enhance the quality of life and result in positive differences in local communities

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are: 501(c)(3) organizations; Public, parochial, and private schools; Religious organizations; Government agencies; and Civic and Veterans Groups

Contact Info: Foundation Staff, (800) 530-9925, Wal-Mart Foundation, 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716-8071

ENVIRONMENT



Acorn Foundation

Objective: The Acorn Foundation is a member of the Common Counsel Foundation of Oakland, California and is dedicated to building a sustainable future for the planet and to restoring a healthy global environment. The Acorn Foundation is particularly interested in small and innovative community-based projects which: preserve and restore habitats supporting biological diversity and wildlife; advocate for environmental justice, particularly in low-income and indigenous communities; and prevent or remedy toxic pollution.

Eligibility: The Acorn Foundation makes grants in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range to grassroots organizations. Grantees are asked to submit year-end reports, and Acorn will consider renewal grants to organizations that have fulfilled its reporting requirements. Please submit a letter of inquiry (LOI) rather than a full proposal by January 15th or June 15th of every fall and spring. Please review eligibility guidelines before submitting a letter of inquiry. The Acorn Foundation will only consider requests from organizations that meet our eligibility guidelines.

Contact Information: Contact the Common Counsel Foundation at 1221 Preservation Park Way, Oakland, CA 94612-1206, by phone at (510) 834-2995 or email at ccounsel@igc.org

Frito Lay Free Tree Opportunity

Agency: Frito Lay, Inc.

Objective: The purpose of this program is to donate 100,000 new trees to nonprofit organizations that have the capability to plant large quantities of trees. Out of the total number of trees, 75,000 will be planted in a national forest, and the remaining 25,000 seedlings will be given to applicants. Available trees are: Blue Spruce, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Red Oak, Redbud, River Birch, Scarlet Oak, Silver Maple, Sugar Maple, Thornless Honeylocust, Tuliptree, White Dogwood, and White Pine.

Eligibility: All nonprofit organizations, including schools, clubs, and communities, are eligible to apply.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (877) 445-9917, makingamericagreener@arborday.org, The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410

Albertson's Foundation

Agency: Albertson's Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support charitable nonprofit organizations and schools in their efforts to improve communities located in Albertson's areas of operation. The foundation funds projects focused on hunger relief, youth and education, health and nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Preference will be given to proposals that encourage volunteering.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organizations and schools within Albertson's areas of operation.

Contact Info: Heather Peninger, Director, (208) 914-3515, Albertson's, Inc., Corporate Giving Program, Charitable and Community Relations, P.O. Box 20, Boise, ID 83726

ExxonMobil Foundation

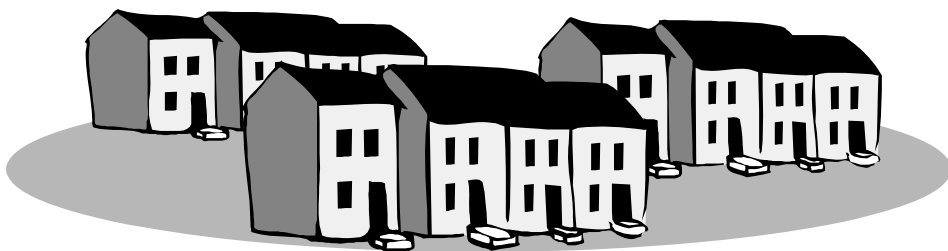
Agency: ExxonMobil Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to enhance social and economic conditions and to improve the quality of life in the United States. Supported projects include efforts towards research and education for programs encouraging informed public discussion of sound environmental policy alternatives and the study and preservation of endangered species and habitats;

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are local, tax-exempt organizations that are geographically located in an area where ExxonMobil has significant facilities or numbers of employees.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (972) 444-1106, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Public Affairs, Global Community Relations, 5959 Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039-2298

HOUSING



The Community Foundation Community Impact Fund

Agency: The Community Foundation

Objectives: *The Community Impact Fund* has several areas of focus. These include: health & human services that promote access to healthcare for all residents and helping individuals and families obtain basic services to promote an improved quality of life; youth & family services that enhance opportunities to promote academic achievement and positive youth development and develop family support services that foster learning and growth; programs that promote the arts and culture while encouraging creative expression and providing opportunities for enjoyment of cultural activities and art forms; Programs for civic and public benefit that build a sense of community and promote civic participation.

Eligibility: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) or public agencies (in limited circumstances) may apply for grants for programs, activities or equipment that will primarily benefit the residents of Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties. The Community Foundation will only accept applications from 501(c)3 organizations that can document on-going operations and nonprofit status for at least three years.

The Grant Application Packet must include: the Completed Grant Application, a 501(c)3 letter from the IRS, the most recent audit or year-end financial statement, a board roster, and a board approval letter. Grants from the Community Impact Fund are normally limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

Contact Information: Celia Cudiamat at (951) 684-4194 or through email at ccudiamat@thecommunityfoundation.net

Enterprise Community Partners Green Communities Initiative (Part C): Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Equity Investments

Agency: Enterprise Community Partners, Inc

Objective: The purpose of this program is to encourage the construction of accessible and environmentally healthy homes for low-income families. This program aims to transform the way America thinks about, designs, and builds affordable housing communities. Funded projects should promote health, conserve energy and natural resources, and provide easy access to jobs, schools, and services. This program is intended to promote affordable, permanent green housing developments

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for this program component are for-profit and nonprofit housing developers

Contact Info: Aron Weisner, (410) 772-2621, LIHTCEquity@greencommunitiesonline.org, Green Communities Initiative, Enterprise, 10227 Wincopin Circle, Suite 500, Columbia, MD 21044

Home Depot Community Involvement Grants

Agency: Home Depot

Objective: The purpose of this program is to improve the community and the environment in the neighborhoods where people live and work through responsibly built affordable housing and maintenance of urban and wildland forestry. The program recognizes the importance of giving back to communities by engaging associates in meaningful volunteer activities. The program believes it is a shared responsibility to enhance the communities and protect the environment. Preference will be given to grant requests that offer volunteerism opportunities and encourage community engagement.

Eligibility: The Home Depot Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits, Revenue Canada-designated organizations, and consortia of these groups.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (866) 593-7019, hd_foundation@homedepot.com, The Home Depot Foundation, Community Affairs, 2455 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339

National Organization on Disability (NOD): Accessible America Competition

Agency: National Organization on Disability

Objective: The purpose of this program is to recognize and promote replication of best practices employed by communities across the country to facilitate the involvement of individuals with disabilities in community life. The program will award funds to cities, towns, or counties in which citizens with disabilities have opportunities for full and equal participation in the life of their community, including access to education, jobs, voting, transportation, housing, religious worship, and a full range of social, recreational, cultural, and sports activities

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include cities, towns, and counties in the United States and its territories. Counties may enter only if they are representing unincorporated communities within their borders.

Contact Info: Nancy Starnes, (202) 293-5960, starnes@nod.org, Accessible America Competition 2006, National Organization on Disability, 910 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

LAW & JUSTICE



The Allstate Foundation: National Foundation Initiatives

Agency: The Allstate Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to support national and regional organizations in their efforts to protect lives, families, property and communities. Overall, this program strives to improve community quality of life by maintaining and ensuring strong economic, crime-free, tolerant, and knowledgeable communities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contact Info: Jan Epstein, (847) 402-5502, allfound@allstate.com, Executive Director
The Allstate Foundation, 2775 Sanders Road, Suite F4, Northbrook, IL 60062-6127

Grants for Alcohol Research

Agency: Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research

Objective: The purpose of this program is to assist young investigators in conducting research on important aspects of alcohol consumption and its effects. This program helps young researchers begin their careers and positions them to attract greater funding from other sources.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit organizations such as universities, colleges, hospitals, research institutes and organizations, and governmental research agencies and laboratories. Grants are made only to institutions on behalf of a named principal investigator, not to individuals.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (410) 821-7066, ext. 11, info@abmrf.org, Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation, 1122 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 407, Baltimore, MD 21204-2189

The Mary Byron Foundation: Celebrating Solutions

Agency: The Mary Byron Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to recognize local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. Programs are selected to serve as a model for the nation. Eligible projects show positive outcomes, are innovative and replicable, and demonstrate sensitivity to ethnic and racial diversity.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) designation or government agencies. Programs must have been operating for a minimum of three years, have demonstrated positive outcomes, and be innovative and replicable.

Contact Info: Program Staff, information@marybyronfoundation.org, Celebrating Solutions Awards, Mary Byron Foundation, 10401 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223

Open Society Institute (Part A): After Prison Initiative

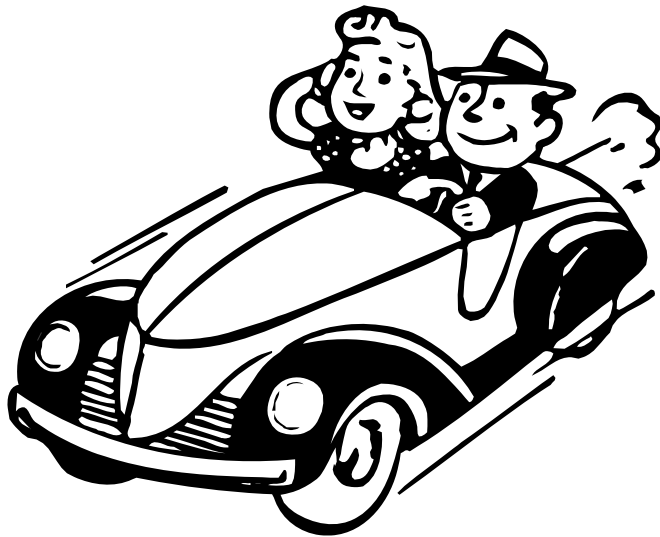
Agency: Open Society Institute & Soros Foundations

Objective: The purpose of this program is to promote open societies through a wide range of initiatives that address the shaping of government policy, the support of education, media, public health, and human and women's rights, and the advancement of social, legal, and economic reform. Additionally, to diminish and prevent the negative consequences of globalization, the Open Society Institute (OSI) seeks to foster a global open society by increasing collaboration with other non-governmental organizations, governments, and international institutions.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include: Advocacy groups; Community groups; Scholarly or research institutions; Government agencies; Associations of elected officials; and Nonprofit business associations or initiatives.

Contact Info: Nicole Kief, nkief@sorosny.org, Justice Fund, Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019

TRANSPORTATION



Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program

Agency: Bikes Belong Coalition

Objective: The purpose of this program is to promote bicycling by generating a network of communities throughout the United States, where people of all ages will have the accommodations and the ability to bicycle for recreation and transportation. The goals of this program include increasing the number of bicyclists, promoting bicycling to the public, building political support for bicycling, and supporting bicycle advocacy groups that have the ability to increase the number of bicyclists in their communities.

Eligibility Eligible applicants for this program are: National, State, regional, and local public agencies; and Nonprofit organizations.

Contact Info: Elizabeth Train, Grants Program Administrator, (303) 449-4893, elizabeth@bikesbelong.org, 1245 Pearl Street, Suite 212, Boulder, CO 80302-5253

National Transportation Safety Initiatives Grants Program

Agency: 3M United States

Objective: The purpose of this program is to provide grants in the form of materials that improve specific traffic and pedestrian safety problems. The intent of this program is to foster overall safety improvements within a county or municipality.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are cities and counties. Applicants must be members of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE).

Contact Info: Jane Prosch Jensen, Fax: (651) 737-1652, 3M Traffic Safety Systems, 3M Center, Building 225-5S-08, P.O. Box 33225, St. Paul, MN 55133-3225

Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence

Agency: Bruner Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to recognize projects that embody excellence and strengthen or transform urban places. The Rudy Bruner Award is offered on a biennial basis by the Bruner Foundation to honor urban environments - defined as cities, towns, villages, counties, and/or regions - that demonstrate the successful integration of meaningful values, effective process, and good design.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are persons and entities involved in the planning, development, or operation of a project, including: Representatives of city, county, State, or Federal government Developers; Design or planning professionals; Community or neighborhood groups; Educational or cultural institutions; and Businesses

Contact Info: Program Staff, (617) 492-8404, info@brunerfoundation, The Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, Bruner Foundation, Inc., 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

National Organization on Disability (NOD): Accessible America Competition

Agency: National Organization on Disability

Objective: The purpose of this program is to recognize and promote replication of best practices employed by communities across the country to facilitate the involvement of individuals with disabilities in community life. The program will award funds to cities, towns, or counties in which citizens with disabilities have opportunities for full and equal participation in the life of their community, including access to education, jobs, voting, transportation, housing, religious worship, and a full range of social, recreational, cultural, and sports activities

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include cities, towns, and counties in the United States and its territories. Counties may enter only if they are representing unincorporated communities within their borders.

Contact Info: Nancy Starnes, (202) 293-5960, starnes@nod.org, Accessible America Competition 2006, National Organization on Disability, 910 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

YOUTH



Youth Garden Grants Program

Agency: National Gardening Association

Objective: NGA's Youth Garden Grants program has helped more than 1.2 million youngsters reap rewards and vital life lessons from working in gardens and habitats. NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus and/or curricular ties (if applicant is a formal education program); nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

Eligibility: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply must wait one year and have significantly expanded their garden programs. Applications for the 2007 grant cycle will be available as of February 28, 2006.

Contact Information: The NGA is located at 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403. You can also reach them at (800) 538-7476 (800-LETSGRO) or contact Donna at:

<mailto:donna@garden.org> For more information please visit:

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

For the Good of the Game Grants

Agency: United States Golf Association

Objective: Since 1997, the USGA has been awarding grants through its "For the Good of the Game" Grants Initiative in an effort to make golf more affordable and accessible. Through this effort, the USGA supports organizations that use the game and its values as a vehicle to improve the quality of life for individuals and for society in general. This \$5 million annual initiative focuses on positively impacting young people (minorities, girls, economically disadvantaged, and others with limited access to the game of golf) and individuals with disabilities through instructional programming and golf facility construction projects, as well as caddie and other work-based programs. The USGA will consider funding requests for the following items provided the applicant is committed to the goals (as represented in the General Introduction) of the "For the Good of the Game" Grants Initiative and its target population(s): golf course access and practice range access; golf instruction; golf equipment, including adaptive golf equipment for individuals with disabilities; transportation provided for participants to attend programming; certain construction costs for alternative, beginner-friendly golf courses and golf facilities in areas where there are obstacles to affordable access to the game; e.g., the construction of tees, greens, and practice areas.

Eligibility: All grant recipients must be tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or government entities such as schools or municipalities. Applications will be accepted from organizations that have applied for such status but grant monies (should an organization receive a grant) will not

be released until tax-exempt status has been received. USGA will not fund the entire budget of a program. Typically, the USGA expects the applicant organization to contribute a percentage of the project's expenses with their own funds. Further, the USGA expects applicants to have a feasible plan for fiscal sustainability and an exit strategy that outlines how the program will continue without USGA funding in subsequent years. These plans typically include support from individuals, local organizations, other foundations, fundraisers and the donation of in-kind services, as well as many other creative ideas

Contact Information: The USGA is located at 1631 Mesa Ave., Suite D, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. You can also contact them at (719) 471-4810 or for more information please visit: <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/foundation.html>

The Jenesis Group Foundation

Agency: The Jenesis Group Foundation

Objective: The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of life for America's youth by creating opportunities for young people to achieve their full potential. Projects should focus on youth development, education, and social entrepreneurship. The Foundation invests in grass roots organizations that work to empower disadvantaged and/or at-risk youth to become productive citizens in our democratic society. Priority is given to programs that are preventative in approach and that provide comprehensive and long-term solutions to the challenges facing youth today.

Eligibility: The Foundation primarily invests in nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations with budgets under \$500,000 that focus on youth development, education, and social development. Applicants should be results-oriented.

Contact Info: Program Staff, (972) 999-4554, The Jenesis Group, PO Box 637, Hurst, TX 76054

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Agency: Major League Baseball Charity, Inc

Objective: The purpose of this program is to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to sustain and build up youth participation in the game of baseball. Awards are designed for flexibility to allow applicants to address needs unique to their communities. Funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, begin a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and/or softball, such as 501(c)(3) organizations, municipalities, and school districts.

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